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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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URGING THE GOVERNOR TO DEVELOP A MODERNIZED OAHU CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WITHIN THE HALAWA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY THROUGH A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, built in 1916, the Oahu Community Correctional  
2 Center no longer properly serves the needs of its overall inmate  
3 population or the surrounding community of Kalihi; and  
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5 WHEREAS, as the largest jail facility in the State, the 16-  
6 acre, 950-bed Oahu Community Correctional Center has outdated  
7 security infrastructure and is overcrowded, which has  
8 contributed to conditions that have allowed multiple inmate  
9 escapes; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the Oahu Community Correctional Center cannot  
12 accommodate current and projected detention needs, and this  
13 situation has prompted the State to request more information on  
14 the construction of a new Oahu Community Correctional Center,  
15 with a capacity of 1,500 or more beds, in a location other than  
16 the current Kalihi site; and  
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18 WHEREAS, Kalihi is not an appropriate place for the Oahu  
19 Community Correctional Center since its immediate surrounding  
20 area contains a park, schools, homes, small businesses, and  
21 other commercial establishments; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the Director of Public Safety has stated that  
24 rebuilding the Oahu Community Correctional Center at its current  
25 Kalihi site is not a viable option and that the administration  
26 has expressed willingness to consider its relocation; and  
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28 WHEREAS, the presence of the Oahu Community Correctional  
29 Center has historically discouraged development in Kalihi and  
30 currently jeopardizes the Kalihi community's opportunity to  
31 benefit from transit-related development and redevelopment  
32 projects; and



1 WHEREAS, the State is currently evaluating proposals that  
2 would expand the Halawa Correctional Facility, including by  
3 combining it with the Oahu Community Correctional Center, to  
4 take advantage of the efficiencies of consolidation; and  
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6 WHEREAS, consolidation is fiscally prudent because  
7 upgrading the aging Oahu Community Correctional Center has the  
8 potential to be equally or more expensive than building a new  
9 facility in another location; and  
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11 WHEREAS, relocating the Oahu Community Correctional Center  
12 would generate land development opportunities on the current  
13 Kalihi site and spur private-public partnerships that could  
14 improve Kalihi and offset the cost of a consolidated jail  
15 without an undue fiscal burden on the State through the sale or  
16 long-term lease of the Kalihi site; and  
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18 WHEREAS, if developed appropriately, the Kalihi site is  
19 well situated to become a major center of economic activity,  
20 generate tax revenues and lease-rent income for the State and  
21 property tax revenues for the City and County of Honolulu, and  
22 benefit from private development related to transit-oriented  
23 growth; now, therefore,  
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
27 Session of 2015, that the Governor is urged to develop a  
28 modernized Oahu Community Correctional Center within the Halawa  
29 Correctional Facility through a public-private partnership; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in conjunction with  
32 development of the modernized jail facility, the Governor is  
33 urged to:  
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- 35 (1) Issue a request for proposals for the private  
36 construction of the community correctional facility  
37 for the State on a turnkey basis; and  
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39 (2) Facilitate redevelopment of the land that is currently  
40 occupied by the Oahu Community Correctional Center to  
41 benefit the Kalihi community and the State, including



1 through partnerships with the private sector, to  
2 generate revenue and innovative development  
3 opportunities; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Public  
7 Safety, and chairperson of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board.

